

# Trail Docent

## Trails Forever

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Volunteers-In-Parks  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area



The mission of Trails Forever is to improve the quality of trails in the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park users, support resource preservation, and engage the community in sustaining the parks' trail system in perpetuity.

### Job Title

Trail Docent

### Location

Trails south of the Golden Gate Bridge, in San Francisco and San Mateo counties

### Description of Duties

Trail docents are highly trained volunteers who assist park staff in greeting the public, while roving park trails. Docents will also provide informal interpretation, information and park brochures and when necessary alert park rangers to emergency or unusual situations.

Trail docent may research, develop and lead public interpretive programs on park interpretive themes and stories. Docents will help educate visitors about the NPS mission and stewardship goals. Park staff will periodically evaluate volunteer led interpretive programs. All programs shall include the National Park Service mission and stewardship messages.

### Responsibilities

- Work a minimum of 6 hours per month
- Develop knowledge of park resources
- Understand regulations and NPS policies
- Proudly wear the NPS volunteer uniform

### Knowledge/Skills Desired

- Experience and enjoy working people
- Ability to communicate effectively with diverse park visitors and park personnel
- Ability to be calm and courteous during occasional hectic and emergency situations

### Benefits

- Training in NPS mission and policies
- Training in Interpretation, CPR & First Aid
- Opportunities to enjoy the scenery, wildlife, and cultural resources of this spectacular park
- Opportunity to be of service to your community and your country



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